

## **HANA LF PRESS RELEASE**

### **SOS BID WAS \$400,000 LESS THAN NEXT BIDDER**

In July 2008, SOS Metals Island Recycling was given the final go ahead to clean up Hana Landfill.

For the past twelve years, miscellaneous scrap metal, derelict vehicles, broken appliances, used propane tanks, old batteries, and worn tires have been stockpiled at the landfill. It is estimated that there are approximately 3,000 cars that are still sitting in Hana landfill. Not only is it an eyesore but also, there is an untapped amount of energy-saving's dividends in restoring this site. Did you know that recycling each car would save 120 lbs. of limestone, 2,500 lbs. of iron ore, and 1400 lbs. of coal that would be used to make new steel?

By recycling each car from Hana, there will be a savings of 86% in air pollution (from the burning of coal), an 8800 lbs. reduction of green house gases and a savings of 502 gallons of gasoline.

When this project is completed, SOS Metals Island Recycling, together with the County of Maui, will save approximately 35 million pounds of green house gases and 2 million gallons of gasoline. All of these energy savings are accomplished through recycling!

In preparation for this monumental task and in order to mobilize, SOS Metals Island Recycling invested in the purchase of a new Case Excavator and XP Mobile shear, capable of cutting with 980 tons of force as well as a Kamatsu PC-158 excavator.

To solve the potential problem of unsafe transportation of the recyclables and avoid overloading trucks for the journey from Hana, SOS Metals Island Recycling has placed a 45-foot truck on site at the landfill.

SOS Metals Island Recycling has begun work at the landfill, to prepare the approximately 4000 tons of materials for hauling to their facility in Puunene for processing before shipping to a steel mill for further recycling. Trucks will be transporting the material on Monday through Friday. Everyone driving on the Hana Highway should be cautious and drive carefully when approaching these large trucks. Remember, they are helping to clean and beautifying the island of Maui!

For questions or further information, please contact the County of Maui.